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In the Matter of )  
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Amendment of Section 73.202(b) ) MB Docket No. 02-335  
Table of Allotments ) RM-10545  
FM Broadcast Stations )  
(Hart, Pentwater, and )  
Coopersville, Michigan) )

To: Assistant Chief, Audio Division  
Media Bureau

**COUNTERPROPOSAL**

Fort Bend Broadcasting Company ("Fort Bend"), licensee of Station WBNZ(FM), Frankfort, Michigan, by its counsel, hereby submits this counterproposal to the *Notice of Proposed Rule Making*, DA 02-2721 (rel. Nov. 8, 2002) in the above-captioned proceeding. Fort Bend proposes to upgrade WBNZ from Channel 257C2 to 257C1 and change its community of license to Garfield Township, Michigan.' In order to accomplish this upgrade and change in community of license, the following changes to the FM Table of Allotments are requested (listed alphabetically):

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<sup>1</sup> Fort Bend is also the proponent of a similar proposal pending in MM Docket No. 01-115 (Au Gres, Michigan et al.). In order to permit consideration of the instant proposal, Fort Bend is simultaneously withdrawing its pending proposal in the Au Gres proceeding in compliance with Section 1.420(j) of the Commission's Rules.

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<u>Community</u>	<u>Existing</u>	<u>Channel</u>
		<u>Proposed</u>
Alpena, MI	257C2	249C2
Beaverton, MI	249A	246A
Cheboygan, MI	249C3	271C3
Frankfort, MI	257C2	227A
Garfield Township, MI	---	257C1
Glen Arbor, MI	227A	287A
Standish, MI	245A	295A

This proposal will require only three existing stations (WATZ, Alpena, WMRX, Beaverton, and WWCM, Standish) to change channel and only one of them (WWCM, Standish) to change its transmitter site reference point. As will be discussed further herein, the Proponents have entered into agreements with the Beaverton and Standish stations for reimbursement of the costs of their changes, and the licensees have provided consent statements for the changes. In support hereof, Fort Bend states as follows:

## **I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

1. Fort Bend hereby states that it will reimburse the Alpena, Beaverton and Standish licensees for their reasonable expenses in changing channel and/or transmitter site in accordance with *Circleville, Ohio*, 8 FCC 2d 159 (1967). Fort Bend also states that it will apply for Channel 257C1 at Garfield Township and construct the facility if the Commission grants this proposal.

2. Although the Alpena station has not provided a consent statement for the proposed change, this proposal complies with the Commission's policy in *Columbus, Nebraska*, 59 RR 2d 1185 (1986). As discussed in more detail below, Fort Bend requests that the Commission issue an Order to Show Cause to effectuate the Alpena channel change.

3. As a final preliminary matter, Fort Bend hereby states that pursuant to Section 1.420(j), it has not paid or promised to pay any licensee, permittee or applicant for withdrawing

an expression of interest, dismissing an application or forbearing to file an expression of interest or application.

## **11. CONFLICT WITH THE NPRM**

4. As indicated in the attached Engineering Statement, this proposal conflicts with the *NPRM* proposal to allot Channel 287B to Coopersville, Michigan as its first local service. However, Fort Bend offers another transmitter site reference point for Channel 287B to avoid the conflict, so that Coopersville and Garfield Township can each receive a first local service. See Engineering Statement, Exhibit E-8 and discussion below.

## **III. COMPLIANCE WITH THE COMMISSION'S TECHNICAL RULES**

### **A. STATION WBNZ, FRANKFORT/GARFIELD TOWNSHIP, MICHIGAN**

#### **1. Technical Analysis**

5. As indicated in the attached channel study, Exhibit E-I, Channel 257C1 can be allotted to Garfield Township at coordinates 44-38-58 North Latitude, 85-39-51 West Longitude in compliance with the Commission's spacing rules and provide a 70 dBu signal to Garfield Township provided a channel change is made at Alpena, Michigan.

6. The WBNZ upgrade will result in a net gain in service to 155,851 persons in an area of 9,072 sq. km. The Engineering Statement indicates the loss area is entirely over water. Fort Bend reiterates that it will apply for Channel 257C1 to serve Garfield Township and construct the facility if the application is granted.

#### **2. Change in Community of License**

7. In *Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Modification of FM and TV Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License*, 4 FCC Rcd 4870 (1989), recon. granted

in part, 5 FCC Rcd 7094 (1990) (“*Community of License*”), the Commission stated that in order to grant a change in community of license: (1) the proposed use of the channel must be mutually exclusive with its current use; (2) the existing community of license must retain local service; and (3) the proposed arrangement of allotments must be preferred over the existing arrangement under the Commission’s allotment priorities. The proposed change in community of license of WBNZ from Frankfort to Garfield Township satisfies these prerequisites. First, the proposed use of Channel 257C1 at Garfield Township is mutually exclusive with the current use of Channel 257C2 at Frankfort. **See** Exhibit E-I. Second, Frankfort will not be deprived of local service since Fort Bend proposes to allot Channel 227A at Frankfort as described below. Third, this proposal is preferred under the Commission’s priorities since this proposal provides a first local service at Garfield Township (2000 U.S. Census pop. 13,840) and retains a first local service at Frankfort (2000 U.S. Census pop. 1,513). **See** *Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures*, 90 F.C.C.2d 88 (1982).

8. The community of Garfield Township, Michigan, is a community deserving of a first local service. Garfield Township is rural community located in Grand Traverse County, listed in the U.S. Census 2000 with a population of 13,840. It is not located in an Urbanized Area and the proposed 70 dBu contour will not reach any Urbanized area.

9. Garfield Township’s government functions independently of any other governmental units. The Township’s elected officials are the Township Supervisor, Township Treasurer, Township Clerk and four Township Trustees. See Exhibit 1. According to Garfield Township Director of Planning, Gary Harsch, the elected officials serve four-year terms. Among the services provided by the town government are local planning and zoning, and tax and

assessing. The township government maintains its own webpage at [www.garfield-twp.com](http://www.garfield-twp.com). See Exhibit 1. In addition to the planning commission and the zoning board, the local government includes the following departments: treasurer, assessing, planning, building, and clerk's office. See Exhibit 1. According to Mr. Harsch, the Grand Traverse County Sheriff's office operates a station in Garfield Township. The Metro Fire Department operates Garfield Township Station 11 offering fire, rescue, EMS and other services to the residents of Garfield Township. See Exhibit 1. According to Mr. Harsch, the township was incorporated in 1880.

10. There is a substantial commercial base in Garfield Township. According to Jim Chrestensen, Commercial Appraiser for Garfield Township, the dollar value of the commercial base is \$795 million, of which approximately \$362 million is commercial class value. According to Mr. Chrestensen, 1,400 businesses operate in Garfield Township including Meyer's Grocery, Gordon Foods, North Country Offices, Red Lobster, Marshall Fields, J.C. Penney's, Target, T.J. Maxx, Munson Medical Center, Marathon Gas, Family Video, Garfield Investment Group, Eastern Mountain Sports, Discount Tire, Marriott Courtyard Hotel, Grey Wolf Lounge and Best Buy. In addition, there are three shopping malls with an average 180 retail storefronts. According to Mr. Chrestensen, there are sizeable light industrial properties including Sara Lee Foods, Tower Auto Industries and Leer Manufacturing, an auto parts distributor.

#### **B. NEW CHANNEL 227A, FRANKFORT, MICHIGAN**

11. In order to avoid depriving Frankfort of its only local service, Fort Bend proposes to allot Channel 227A to Frankfort as a new allotment. Channel 227A can be allotted to Frankfort in compliance with the Commission's spacing rules provided a channel change is made at Glen Arbor, Michigan, as described below. See Exhibit E-6. From the proposed reference

coordinates, the new facility will provide 70 dBu service to Frankfort. *See* Exhibit E-9. Fort Bend hereby states that should this Counterproposal be granted, it will apply for Channel 227A at Frankfort and construct the facilities if its application is granted. Fort Bend acknowledges that the relocation of WBNZ from Frankfort to Garfield Township may have to await construction and initiation of operations of the new facility at Frankfort, and will accept a construction permit for WBNZ so conditioned.

### **C. CHANNEL 287A, GLEN ARBOR, MICHIGAN**

12. As discussed above, in order to allot Channel 227A to Frankfort, a channel change is necessary at Glen Arbor, Michigan. An application is on file for Channel 227A at Glen Arbor and is cut off from competing expressions of interest. *See* File No. BPH-19970724M4. Fort Bend proposes to substitute Channel 287A for Channel 227A at a new transmitter site for use in the Glen Arbor application. *See* Exhibit E-7. The applicant, George S. Flinn, has furnished a statement consenting to the change in channel and transmitter site. The Commission may permit this channel substitution without loss of cut-off protection for the pending application. *See Randolph and Brandon, Vermont, 6 FCC Rcd 1760 (1991); Clarksdale and Water Valley, Mississippi, 6 FCC Rcd 1906 (1991).*

13. The use of Channel 287A at Glen Arbor is mutually exclusive with the proposed Channel 287B allotment at Coopersville, Michigan as proposed by Waters Broadcasting Corp., one of the petitioners in this proceeding. As a result, this Counterproposal is appropriately considered in this proceeding. However, the grant of this Counterproposal need not preclude the initiation of a new first local service at Coopersville. Channel 287B can be allotted to Coopersville at slightly modified reference coordinates. *See* Exhibit E-8. At the proposed

reference coordinates, the facility will deliver a 70 dBu signal to the community of Coopersville.

**See** Engineering Statement.

14. Indeed, the Commission should adopt the Counterproposal because its reference coordinate change at Coopersville is a technically superior proposal. Specifically, at the originally proposed reference coordinates for Channel 287B, the Coopersville facility would have covered less than 100 percent of the community of Coopersville. **See** Engineering Statement and Exhibit E-10. *See Caldwell, College Station and Gause, Texas*, 15 FCC Rcd 3322 (2000) (100 percent coverage of community required in allotment proceedings). From the modified coordinates specified herein, the 70 dBu contour will completely enclose Coopersville. **See** Engineering Statement.

15. The channel study, Exhibit E-8, reveals a short spacing from the proposed allotment of Channel 287B at Coopersville to the pending application for Station WOOD, Grand Rapids, Michigan. However, this short spacing predated the filing of this Counterproposal, and was created by the filing of the WOOD application itself. The WOOD application specifies Section 73.215 contour protection to the reference point originally proposed for Coopersville by the petitioners in this proceeding. The reference coordinates proposed herein actually *reduce* this preexisting short spacing. **See** Engineering Statement and attached maps. Since the proposed new reference point for Coopersville improves the short spacing and allows WOOD-FM to increase its proposed facilities, if it so chooses, and obtain a grant under Section 73.215, the Coopersville proposal can be granted as a non short-spaced allotment under Section 73.207 of the Commission's Rules. **See** *Ankeny and West Des Moines, Iowa*, 15 FCC Rcd 4413 (2000), *citing South Burlington, Vermont*, 6 FCC Rcd 7111 (1991).

#### **D. STATION WATZ, ALPENA, MICHIGAN**

16. In order to allot Channel 257C1 to Garfield Township, Channel 249C2 must be substituted for Channel 257C2 for Station WATZ, Alpena, Michigan at the station's current reference coordinates. Channel 249C2 can be allotted to Alpena provided channel substitutions are made at Beaverton and Cheboygan. *See* Exhibit E-2. Each of these channel changes will be discussed below. Fort Bend requests that the Commission immediately issue an Order to Show Cause to WATZ Radio, Inc., the licensee of WATZ, in order to change its channel. Fort Bend reiterates that it will reimburse the WATZ Radio, Inc. in accordance with *Circleville, Ohio, supra.*

#### **E. STATION WMRX, BEAVERTON, MICHIGAN**

17. In order to substitute Channel 249C2 at Alpena, Channel 246A must be substituted for Channel 249A at Beaverton, Michigan for Station WMRX at its current licensed site, with an additional channel change at Standish, Michigan. *See* Exhibit E-4. The licensee of Station WMRX, Steel Broadcasting, Inc., has provided a statement consenting to the channel change pursuant to an agreement which has been reached between Fort Bend and Steel Broadcasting, Inc. *See* Exhibit A. Fort Bend reiterates that should the Commission adopt this proposal and substitute Channel 246A for Channel 249A at Beaverton, it will reimburse Steel Broadcasting, Inc. for its reasonable expenses in changing channels.

#### **F. STATION WWCM, STANDISH, MICHIGAN**

18. In order to substitute Channel 246A at Beaverton, Channel 295A must be substituted for Channel 245A at Standish, Michigan for Station WWCM. Channel 295A can be allotted at Standish at new reference coordinates. *See* Exhibit E-5.



19. At the new site, Channel 295A will provide a 70 dBu contour to Standish. See Engineering Statement. WWCM is currently a grandfathered short spaced station on Channel 245A and limited to 3 kW ERP. The Channel 295A allotment will allow the Standish licensee to increase power. Central Michigan University, the licensee of Station WWCM, has furnished a statement consenting to the change in channel and site. **See Exhibit A.** Fort Bend has entered into an agreement with the licensee, and hereby reiterates that it will reimburse Central Michigan University for its expenses in changing channel and transmitter site.

#### **G. CHANNEL 249C3/271C3, CHEBOYGAN, MICHIGAN**


20. In order to allot Channel 249C2 to Alpena, Channel 271C3 must be substituted for vacant Channel 249C3 at Cheboygan, Michigan, which was recently allotted in MM Docket No. 00-69. Channel 271C3 can be allotted at the current reference site for Channel 249C3 at Cheboygan. See Exhibit E-3.

#### **IV. CONCLUSION**

This counterproposal will provide a first local service at Garfield Township, Michigan. The proposal will provide overall net gains in area of 9,072 sq. km. and population of 155,851 persons. Fort Bend has provided an alternate transmitter site reference point for the Coopersville allotment requested by the petitioners, which will allow both the petition and this

Counterproposal to be granted. Fort Bend is confident that this Counterproposal can be implemented smoothly and rapidly. Therefore, Fort Bend respectfully requests that the Commission grant the Counterproposal

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### ENGINEERING STATEMENT

This firm has been retained by Fort Bend Broadcasting Company, ("FBBC"), Licensee of Radio Station WBNZ(FM), Frankfort, Michigan to prepare this engineering statement in support of its Comments and Counterproposal in the above captioned proceeding.

The Commission has proposed the allotment of FM Channel 287B to Coopersville, Michigan in this proceeding, along with other related changes to the FM Table of Allotments, and has asked for Comments on that proposal. FBBC is submitting its Comments and Counterproposal in which it is seeking to upgrade Radio Station WBNZ(FM) from FM Channel 257C2 to FM Channel 257C1 and to request modification of its license to specify operation on the upgraded channel at Garfield Township to offer that community a first local service. The FBBC proposal is in conflict with the reference coordinates requested for the assignment of FM Channel 287B to Coopersville, Michigan in this Docket.

### Summary

This Counterproposal of FBBC proposes a number of changes in the FM Table of Allotments that it believes will better serve the public interest than the proposal presented by the original petitioners in this proceeding. This proposal has a conflict with the proposed reference site for the assignment of FM Channel 2878 at Coopersville, Michigan and is, therefore, a properly filed counterproposal meriting consideration in this proceeding as a counterproposal. FBBC is requesting that the Commission amend the FM Table of Allotments to upgrade the facilities of Radio Station WBNZ(FM), Frankfort, Michigan to FM Channel 257C1 and modify the license of that facility to

specify Garfield Township, Michigan as a new community of license. The FBBC proposal would offer that community a first local service and no community would be deprived of any service.<sup>1</sup> In order to accommodate the proposed upgrade at Garfield Township, Michigan FBBC is proposing other changes in the FM Table of Allotments in order to implement the proposed upgrade and community of license change *for* Radio Station WBNZ(FM).

Specifically, in order to assign a first local aural service to Garfield Township, Michigan, FBBC must a) change the presently assigned FM Channel 257C2 at Alpena, Michigan presently occupied by Radio Station WATZ(FM), b) replace the presently assigned FM Channel 257C2 at Frankfort, Michigan with FM Channel 227A and c) replace the presently assigned FM Channel 227A at Glen Arbor, Michigan with FM Channel 287A<sup>2</sup>.

Each of the above conflicts are being removed in this proposal by appropriate channel substitutions that allow the adoption of both the proposal at Coopersville<sup>3</sup>, Michigan and its related changes, as well as allow for the adoption of the proposal to provide a first local aural service at Garfield Township, Michigan.

### **The Garfield Township Allotment**

The community of Garfield Township, Michigan has a population of 13,840 persons<sup>4</sup> and it is located in Grand Traverse County which has a population of 77,654 persons. The community is of considerable size and is fully qualified under the Commission's Rules' as a recognizable community for allotment purposes and it is not

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<sup>1</sup> The FBBC proposal is in conflict with the reference site at Coopersville, Michigan, and FBBC is proposing that the reference site be amended to allow the adoption of its proposal. It has no objection to the allotment of the Coopersville channel at the coordinates specified in these Comments and Counterproposal, or at any other reference site, provided that the reference site is consistent with the allotment of FM Channel 287A at Glen Arbor, Michigan.

<sup>2</sup> FM Channel 287A at Glen Arbor, Michigan is in conflict with the assignment of FM Channel 287B at the reference site proposed for Coopersville, Michigan in this proceeding.

<sup>3</sup> In fact, the FBBC proposal perfects the proposal to add FM Channel 287B to Coopersville, Michigan. The original proposal in this proceeding failed to comply with the Commission's technical requirements and, as filed, could not be granted. The allotment site provided fails to provide the required 70 dbu signal over the community of license assuming uniform earth, and the use of actual terrain is only permitted if there are substantial terrain deviations from uniform earth. See Exhibit E-IO.

<sup>4</sup> Population figures are from the 2000 census unless otherwise noted.

<sup>5</sup> The Commission has recognized various other townships in Michigan as communities for allotment purposes. Radio Station WLGH(FM), Leroy Township, FCC ID 78460; Radio Station WMSD(FM), Rose

located within or near an urbanized area. Therefore, the assignment of FM Channel 257C1 to the community does not trigger any Section 307(b) concerns.

The assignment of FM Channel 257C1 can be made to Garfield Township, Michigan, (reference coordinates N44-43-17, W85-38-28)<sup>6</sup>, and a transmitter operating from reference site N44-38-58, W85-39-51 will fully illuminate Garfield Township, Michigan in full conformance with the Commission's Rules. The allotment site is 8.2 kilometers from the Garfield Township reference coordinates, and a transmitting facility operating from this allotment site with full facilities of this class of station will fully illuminate the community of license with a 70 dbu signal using the F(50,50) curves and both uniform earth and actual terrain. There is no loss of service over any populated area' as a result of the proposed upgrade and city of license change proposed for FM Channel 257C1 at Garfield Township, Michigan. The proposed facility provides coverage to 16,394 square kilometers of area containing a population of 240,104 persons as opposed to the present coverage of 7,322 square kilometers containing a population of 84,253 persons'. See Exhibit E-9.

Attached as Exhibit E-I is a channel study which shows that FM Channel 257C1 can be assigned to the community in full compliance with the minimum mileage separation requirements at the allotment reference coordinates if the assigned FM Channel 257C2 presently assigned to Alpena, Michigan and occupied by Radio Station WATZ(FM), were relocated to an alternate equivalent channel and if another channel were allocated to Frankfort, Michigan to replace the present assignment to retain an aural service in that community. Each of the relocations are more fully described in the following analysis.

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Township, FCC ID 88118. Radio Station WTLI(FM), Bear Creek Township, FCC ID 85579; WSDS(AM), Salem Township, Michigan FCC ID 35335; WLJN(AM), Elmwood Township, Michigan FCC ID 24603. A number of other townships are listed in the Commission's database as having proposed FM allotments.

<sup>6</sup> Reference coordinates for Garfield Township, Michigan are taken from the **US** Gazetteer published by the US Census Bureau.

<sup>7</sup> The entire loss area is over Lake Michigan.

<sup>8</sup> Consequently, this proposal provides an increased coverage area of 224% and increased population coverage of 285%.

## The Alpena Conflict

It is proposed that the presently assigned FM Channel 257C2 assigned to Alpena, Michigan and occupied by Radio Station WATZ(FM) be deleted and that FM Channel 249C2<sup>9</sup> be substituted at that community. The replacement channel fully satisfies the Commission's criteria as an alternate equivalent channel and the substitution can be made at the present transmitter site of WATZ(FM)<sup>10</sup> provided other related changes are made in the FM Table of Allotments.

Attached as Exhibit E-2 is a channel study which demonstrates that the proposed substitution can be made at Alpena provided an alternate equivalent channel can be located for a proposed assignment of FM Channel 249C3 at Cheboygan, Michigan and for the presently assigned FM Channel 249A at Beaverton, Michigan occupied by Radio Station WMRX(FM).

It is proposed that FM Channel 271C3 be substituted for the vacant and unapplied for FM Channel 249C3 at Cheboygan, Michigan". The assignment of FM Channel 271C3 can be made to Cheboygan in full conformance with the Commission's minimum mileage separation and city grade illumination requirements at reference coordinates N45-34-46, W84-14-16, as is shown in Exhibit E-3. This allotment site is 19.9 kilometers from the Cheboygan, Michigan reference coordinates, and a transmitting facility operating from this allotment site with full facilities of this class of station will fully illuminate the community of license with a 70 dbu signal using the F(50,50) curves and both uniform earth and actual terrain.

It is proposed that FM Channel 249A at Beaverton, Michigan be deleted and that FM Channel 246A be assigned to that community. The proposed assignment of FM Channel 246A at Beaverton, Michigan can be made at the present transmitter site of Radio Station WMRX(FM)<sup>12</sup> and FM Channel 246A is fully qualified as an alternate channel for that facility. Attached as Exhibit E-4 is an FM Channel Study conducted

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<sup>9</sup> The changes proposed at Alpena, Beaverton, Cheboygan and Standish, Michigan are identical to those proposed in MM Docket 01-115 by Fort Bend Broadcasting. That Counterproposal was published on October 5, 2001 and is being withdrawn simultaneously with the filing of this proposal.

<sup>10</sup> The transmitter site coordinates of WATZ(FM) are N44-51-25, W83-32-34.

<sup>11</sup> US Atlas City Reference Coordinates for Cheboygan, Michigan are N45-38-49, W84-28-27.

<sup>12</sup> The site coordinates of Radio Station WMRX(FM) are N43-53-16, W84-31-45. That licensee has consented to the change in channel to FM Channel 246A as proposed by FBBC.

from the present transmitter site of Radio Station WMRX(FM) which demonstrates that the proposed channel substitution is fully compliant with the Commission's minimum mileage separation requirements provided the present facilities of Radio Station WWCM(FM), Standish, Michigan were relocated to an alternate equivalent channel.

It is proposed that FM Channel 245A at Standish, Michigan be deleted and that the operating authority of Radio Station WWCM(FM) be modified to specify operation on FM Channel 295A<sup>13</sup>. The community of Standish, Michigan is located at geographic coordinates N43-58-58, W83-57-31 and the proposed reference coordinates for the assignment of FM Channel 295A at Standish are N44-01-46, W83-57-44. The proposed allotment site is 5.2 kilometers from the Standish, Michigan reference coordinates, and a transmitting facility operating from this allotment site with full facilities of this class of station will fully illuminate the community of license with a 70 dbu signal using the F(50,50) curves and both uniform earth and actual terrain. Attached as Exhibit E-5 is an FM Channel Study which shows that the proposed allotment is in full compliance with the Commission's minimum mileage separation requirements.

With the changes as outlined above, the conflict between the assignment of FM Channel 257C1 at Garfield Township, Michigan and the present assignment of FM Channel 257C2 at Alpena, Michigan presently occupied by Radio Station WATZ(FM), is eliminated.

#### The Fill Behind Channel at Frankfort, Michigan

Since FBBC is proposing the removal of the only aural service at Frankfort, Michigan, it is proposing that FM Channel 227A be assigned to that community as a fill behind channel to preserve the aural service in that community. Should the Commission assign FM Channel 227A to Frankfort, Michigan, FBBC will apply for the channel, and, if awarded the permit, will promptly construct and operate the authorized facility on FM Channel 227A.

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<sup>13</sup> The assignment of FM Channel **295A** at Standish, Michigan requires a different transmitter site for Radio Station WWCM(FM). That licensee has entered into an agreement with petitioner to relocate its transmitter site should the changes proposed in these Comments and Counterproposal be adopted.



The assignment of FM Channel 227A can be made at the community reference coordinates at Frankfort, Michigan<sup>14</sup> provided an alternate channel can be found for the presently assigned FM Channel 227A at Glen Arbor, Michigan. Attached as Exhibit E-6 is a channel study conducted from the reference coordinates at Frankfort, Michigan which demonstrates that the proposed assignment of FM Channel 227A at that community fully satisfies the Commission's minimum mileage separation requirements. a transmitting facility operating from this allotment site with full facilities of this class of station will fully illuminate the community of license with a 70 dbu signal using the F(50,50) curves and both uniform earth and actual terrain

In order to provide an alternate equivalent channel<sup>15</sup> to replace the presently assigned FM Channel 227A at Glen Arbor, Michigan FBBC is proposing the assignment of FM Channel 287A for use at this community. FM Channel 287A can be assigned to Glen Arbor, Michigan at the city reference coordinates, (N44-53-50, W85-59-06), in full compliance with the Commission's minimum mileage separation requirements without a site restriction as is shown in Exhibit E-7. The allotment of FM Channel 287A at Glen Arbor, Michigan requires a slight change in the proposed allotment reference site at Coopersville, Michigan for the proposed assignment of FM Channel 287B.

In order to accommodate this counterproposal, FBBC is proposing that the Commission amend the proposed reference coordinates for the assignment of FM Channel 287B at Coopersville, Michigan to N43-17-46, W85-59-57. This proposed allotment site at Coopersville, Michigan fully satisfies all of the Commission's requirements for the requested channel. Attached as Exhibit E-8 is a channel study conducted from the proposed reference coordinates at Coopersville, Michigan which demonstrates that the proposed assignment of FM Channel 287B at that community fully satisfies the Commission's minimum mileage separation requirements. The allotment site is 26.4 kilometers from the Coopersville, Michigan reference

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<sup>14</sup> US Atlas reference coordinates of Frankfort, Michigan are N44-38-00, W86-14-03.

<sup>15</sup> Actually the proposed replacement channel is technically superior to the presently assigned FM Channel 227A. For several years the Commission has had to deal with a number of technical issues surrounding this allotment and the singleton application of George Flynn for the channel. See BPH-19970724M4 and related proceedings. Adoption of this Counterproposal will eliminate all technical issues in that proceeding. The applicant has agreed to change transmitter sites in accordance with this Counterproposal should the Commission adopt the proposal.

<sup>16</sup> The US Atlas Reference Coordinates for Coopersville, Michigan are N43-03-49, W85-56-05.

coordinates, and a transmitting facility operating from this allotment site with full facilities for this class of station will fully illuminate the community of license with a 70 dbu signal using the F(50,50) curves and both uniform earth and actual terrain. This amended reference site for FM Channel 287B at Coopersville, Michigan is 178.2 km from the proposed allotment site for FM Channel 287A at Glen Arbor, Michigan and is fully spaced under the Commission's minimum mileage separation requirements<sup>17</sup>.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the Commission amend the FM Table of Allotments as follows:

Community	Present	Proposed
Garfield Township, Michigan	-----	257C1
Alpena, Michigan	219C, 257C2, 299C1	219C, 249C2, 299C1
Cheboygan, Michigan	249C3, 286C1	271C3, 286C1
Beaverton, Michigan	249A	246A
Standish, Michigan"	245A <sup>18</sup>	295A
Frankfort, Michigan	257C2	227A
<b>Glen</b> Arbor, Michigan	227A, 238C2, 251C2	238C2, 251C2, 287A
Coopersville, Michigan	-----	287B <sup>19</sup>
Hart, Michigan	287C2	231C3
Pentwater, Michigan	231C3, 274A, 280A	274A, 280A

<sup>17</sup> The Commission's minimum mileage separation between **FM** Channel 287A and **FM** Channel 287B is 178 kilometers.

<sup>18</sup> The presently assigned **FM** Channel 245A is a grand-fathered short spaced Class A assignment, designated by A<sup>18</sup> to distinguish it from a fully spaced Class A assignment.

<sup>19</sup> At amended site reference coordinates N43-17-46, W85-59-57.

## Summary

The changes proposed serve the public interest and this counterproposal should be adopted. The counterproposal as outlined above carries a number of public interest benefits that include a) The assignment of a first local aural service to the deserving community of Garfield Township, Michigan, b) the removal of a grandfathered short spaced Class A facility at Standish, Michigan and its replacement with a fully spaced Class A facility, c) the substitution of a different channel for one that has been the subject of a long standing dispute at Glen Arbor, Michigan, (FM Channel 227A), which, under this proposal, allows resolution of that entire proceeding and d) with the proposed allotment site modification for the proposed assignment of FM Channel 2878 at Cooperstown, Michigan, allows that deserving community to receive a first local aural service and the adoption of the proposal that was originally filed in this proceeding..

The modifications proposed in these Comments and Counterproposal by FBBC clearly serves the public interest and should be granted by the Commission.

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Exhibit E-1  
FM Channel 257C1  
N44-38-58 W85-39-51  
Garfield Township, Michigan

Call Sign	State	City	Freq	Channel	ERP	Class	Status	Dist	Sep	Clr
	MI	FRANKFORT	99.3	257	0	C1	APP	5.8	245	-239
WBNZ	MI	FRANKFORT	99.3	257	27000	C2	CP	38.78	224	-185
WBNZ	MI	FRANKFORT	99.3	257	50000	C2	LIC	39.63	224	-184
	MI	FRANKFORT	99.3	257	0	C2	APP	39.63	224	-184
	MI	ALPENA	99.3	257	0	C2	APP	169.56	224	-54
WATZ-FM	MI	ALPENA	99.3	257	17000	C2	LIC	169.56	224	-54
WOWN	WI	SHAWANO	99.3	257	14000	c3	LIC	211.89	211	0.89
WIAA	MI	INTERLOCHEN	88.7	204	100000	C	LIC	41.7	41	0.7
WJQK	MI	ZEELAND	99.3	257	4700	A	LIC	205.02	200	5.02
	MI	BELLAIRE	99.9	260	0	C1	APP	88.21	82	6.21
	MI	LUDINGTON	98.7	254	0	A	APP	89	75	14
990907MH	MI	WALHALLA	98.9	255	0	A	APP	92.34	75	17.3
	MI	WALHALLA	98.9	255	0	A	APP	92.34	75	17.3

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Exhibit E-2  
 FM Channel 249C2  
 N44-51-25 W83-32-34  
 Alpena, Michigan

Call Sign	State	City	Freq	Channel	ERP	Class	Status	Dist	Sep	Clr
	MI	ALPENA	97.7	249	0	c 2	APP	0	190	-190
	MI	ALPENA	97.7	249	0	c 2	APP	0	190	-190
	MI	CHEBOYGAN	97.7	249	0	c 3	APP	97.68	177	-79.32
	MI	CHEBOYGAN	97.7	249	0	c 3	APP	97.68	177	-79.32
	MI	BEAVERTON	97.7	249	0	A	APP	133.34	166	-32.66
WMRX	MI	BEAVERTON	97.7	249	0	A	USE	133.34	166	-32.66
WMRX	MI	BEAVERTON	97.7	249	4100	A	LIC	133.34	166	-32.66
WKLT	MI	KALKASKA LITTLE	97.5	248	32000	C2	LIC	134.34	130	4.34
CBCEFM	ON	CURRENT	97.5	248	21000	B		170.46	164	6.46
WTGV	MI	SANDUSKY	97.7	249	3000	A	LIC	172.27	166	6.27

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Exhibit E-3  
 FM Channel 271C3  
 N45-34-46 W84-14-16  
 Cheboygan, Michigan

Call Sign	State	City	Freq	Channel	ERP	Class	Status	Dist	Sep	Clr
	MI	CHEBOYGAN	102.1	271	0	c3	APP	0	153	-153
	MI	LEWISTON	102.3	272	0	A	APP	88.98	89	-0
		SAULT STE.								
WTHN	MI	MARIE	102.3	272	22500	C3	CP	100.78	99	1.78
WLDR	MI	TRAVERSE CITY	101.9	270	0	C1	USE	145.65	144	1.65
WLDR	MI	TRAVERSE CITY	101.9	270	100000	C1	LIC	145.65	144	1.65
		SAULT STE.								
WTHN	MI	MARIE	102.3	272	0	c3	USE	101.96	99	2.96
WMJZ	MI	GAYLORD	101.5	268	50000	C2	APP	63.65	56	7.65
WMJZ	MI	GAYLORD	101.5	268	0	C2	USE	63.65	56	7.65

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Exhibit E-4  
FM Channel 246A  
N43-53-16 W84-31-45  
Beaverton, Michigan

Call Sign	State	City	Freq	Channel	ERP	Class	Status	Dist	Sep	Clr	
	MI	BEAVERTON	97.1	246	O	A	APP		0	115	-115
WMRX	MI	BEAVERTON	97.7	249	4100	A	LIC		0	31	-31
	MI	BEAVERTON	97.7	249	O	A	APP		0	31	-31
WMRX	MI	BEAVERTON	97.7	249	O	A	USE		0	31	-31
WWCM	MI	STANDISH	96.9	245	3000	A	LIC	44.89	72	-27	
	MI	STANDISH	96.9	245	O	A	APP	44.89	72	-27	
WWCM	MI	STANDISH	96.9	245	O	A	USE	47.18	72	-25	
WEEG	MI	ESSEXVILLE	97.3	247	3000	A	LIC	74.34	72	2.34	
WDEE	MI	REED CITY	97.3	247	O	A	USE	79.22	72	7.22	
WLAV	MI	GRAND RAPIDS	96.9	245	O	B	USE	124.29	113	11.3	
WKRK	MI	DETROIT	97.1	246	50000	B	LIC	189.6	178	11.6	
WKRK	MI	DETROIT	97.1	246	15000	B	LIC	189.6	178	11.6	
WLAV	MI	GRAND RAPIDS	96.9	245	50000	B	LIC	124.29	113	11.3	
WKRK	MI	DETROIT	97.1	246	O	B	USE	189.56	178	11.6	
WDEE	MI	REED CITY	97.3	247	2850	A	LIC	88.22	72	16.2	

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Exhibit E-5  
FM Channel 295A  
N44-01-46 W83-57-44  
Standish, Michigan

Call Sign	State	City	Freq	Channel	ERP	Class	Status	Dist	Sep	Clr
	MI	STANDISH	106.9	295	0	A	APP	0	115	-115
	MI	AU GRES	106.9	295	0	A	APP	21.46	115	-94 <sup>20</sup>
	MI	PINCONNING	107.5	298	0	A	APP	16.82	31	-14"
	MI	UBLY	107.3	297	0	C3	APP	36.73	42	-5.3 <sup>22</sup>
WKPK	MI	GAYLORD	106.7	294	100000	C1	LIC	132.91	133	-0.1
WKPK	MI	GAYLORD	106.7	294	0	C1	USE	132.91	133	-0.1
WTLZ	MI	SAGINAW	107.1	296	4900	A	LIC	75.14	72	3.14
WTLZ	MI	SAGINAW	107.1	296	0	A	USE	75.14	72	3.14
WMUS	MI	MUSKEGON	106.9	295	15500	B	CP	192.92	178	14.9
WMUS	MI	MUSKEGON	106.9	295	50000	B	LIC	192.92	178	14.9
WMUS	MI	MUSKEGON	106.9	295	0	B	USE	192.97	178	15
WMUS	MI	MUSKEGON	106.9	295	50000	B	CP	192.92	178	14.9

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<sup>20</sup> This proposed rulemaking has been withdrawn.

<sup>21</sup> This Petition for Rulemaking was returned and remains in the database in error.

<sup>22</sup> This is a database error. The channel shown is in conflict with a prior filed proposal and was inadvertently placed in the database.



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Exhibit E-6  
FM Channel 227A  
N44-38-00 W86-14-03  
Frankfort, Michigan

Call Sign	State	City	Freq	Channel	ERP	Class	Status	Dist	Sep	Clr
970724M4	MI	GLEN ARBOR	93.3	227	6000	A	APP	24.39	115	-90.61
970724M4	MI	GLEN ARBOR	93.3	227		O A	APP	27.52	115	-87.48
	MI	GLEN ARBOR	93.3	227		O A	APP	27.52	115	-87.48
WBCM	MI	BOYNE CITY	93.5	228	0	c2	USE	108.49	106	2.49
WJZQ	MI	CADILLAC	92.9	225	100000	C1	LIC	82.35	75	7.35
WJZQ	MI	CADILLAC	92.9	225	100000	C1	APP	82.35	75	7.35
WDOR	WI	STURGEON BAY	93.9	230	77000	C1	LIC	94.96	75	19.96

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Exhibit E-7  
FM Channel 287A  
N44-53-50 W85-59-06  
Glen Arbor, Michigan

Call Sign	State	City	Freq	Channel	ERP	Class	Status	Dist	Sep	Clr
WCXT	MI	HART	105.3	287	28000	c 2	LIC	137.19	166	-28.81
	MI	HART	105.3	287	0	c 2	APP	137.19	166	-28.81
WCXT	MI	HART	105.3	287	50000	c 2	CP	149.77	166	-16.23
	MI	COOPERSVILLE	105.3	287	0	B	APP	172.9	178	-5.1 <sup>23</sup>
WGFM	MI	CHEBOYGAN	105.1	286	0	C1	USE	133.52	133	0.52
WGFM	MI	CHEBOYGAN	105.1	286	100000	C1	LIC	133.52	133	0.52
WKHQ	MI	CHARLEVOIX	105.9	290	0	C1	USE	76.84	75	1.84
WKHQ	MI	CHARLEVOIX	105.9	290	100000	C1	LIC	76.7	75	1.7

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<sup>23</sup> Propose amended site coordinates to N43-17-46, W85-59-57 to remove the conflict at Coopersville.  
The amended coordinates are fully spaced to the proposed allotment of FM Channel 287A at Glen Arbor.

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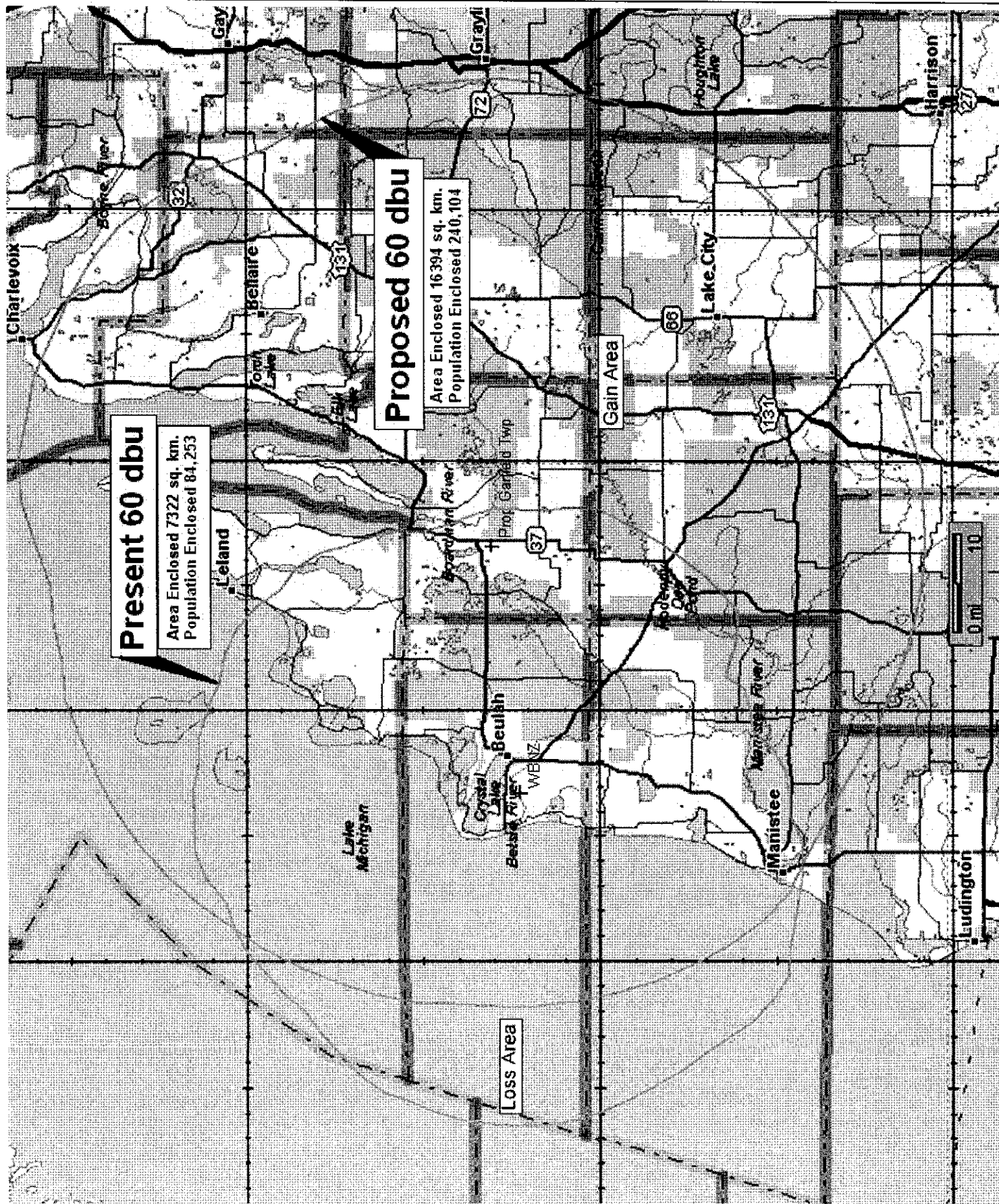
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N43-17-46 W85-59-57  
Coopersville, Michigan

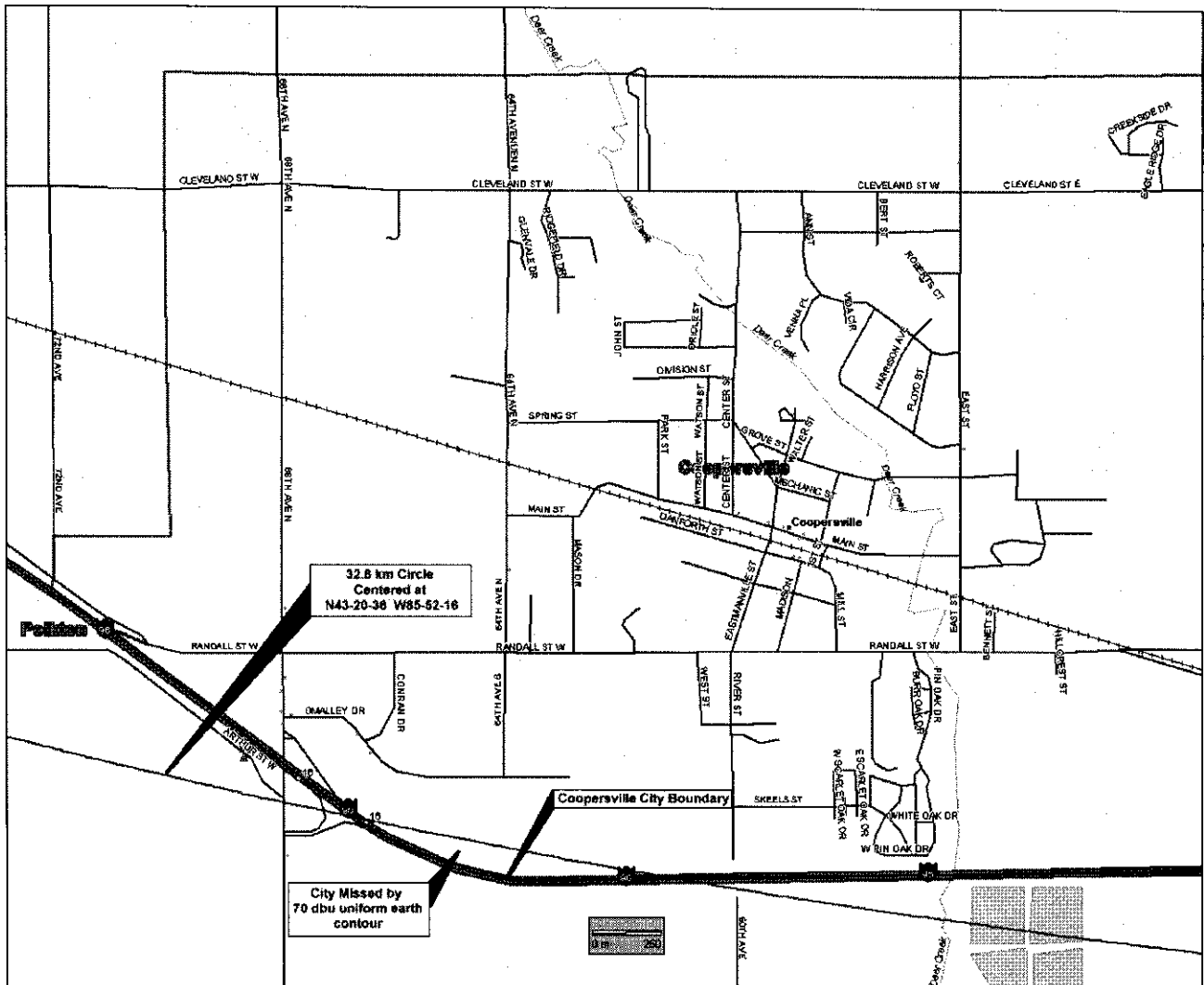
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WCXT	MI	HART	105.3	287	50000	c2	CP	28.43	241	-212.57
	MI	HART	105.3	287	0	c2	APP	46.47	241	-194.53
WCXT	MI	HART	105.3	287	28000	c2	LIC	46.46	241	-194.54
WCXT	MI	HART	105.3	287	0	c2	USE	46.46	241	-194.54
WOOD	MI	GRANDRAPIDS	105.7	289	50000	B	APP	69.56	74	-4.44 <sup>24</sup>
WFZH	WI	MUKWONAGO	105.3	287	1650	A	LIC	181.86	178	3.86
WOOD	MI	GRAND RAPIDS	105.7	289	265000	B	LIC	78.57	74	4.57
WOOD	MI	GRANDRAPIDS	105.7	289	0	B	USE	78.57	74	4.57
WKHM	MI	BROOKLYN	105.3	287	2200	A	LIC	182.25	178	4.25
WOOD	MI	GRANDRAPIDS	105.7	289	33000	B	CP	78.55	74	4.55

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<sup>24</sup> This application, filed by WOOD(FM) requests 73.215 protection toward the reference site for Coopersville, Michigan. The requested allotment coordinates at Coopersville require less protection from WOOD than the original allotment site.





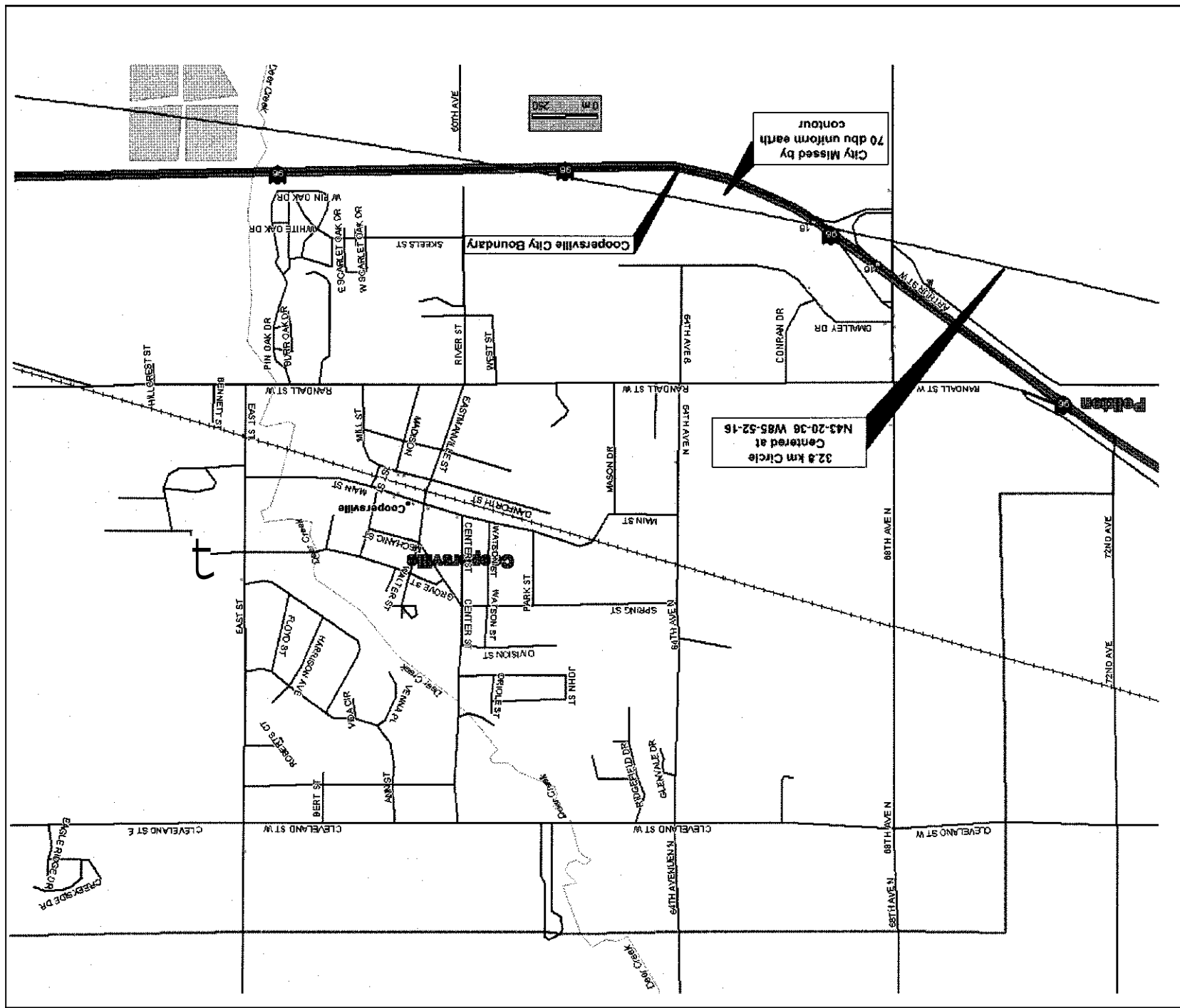


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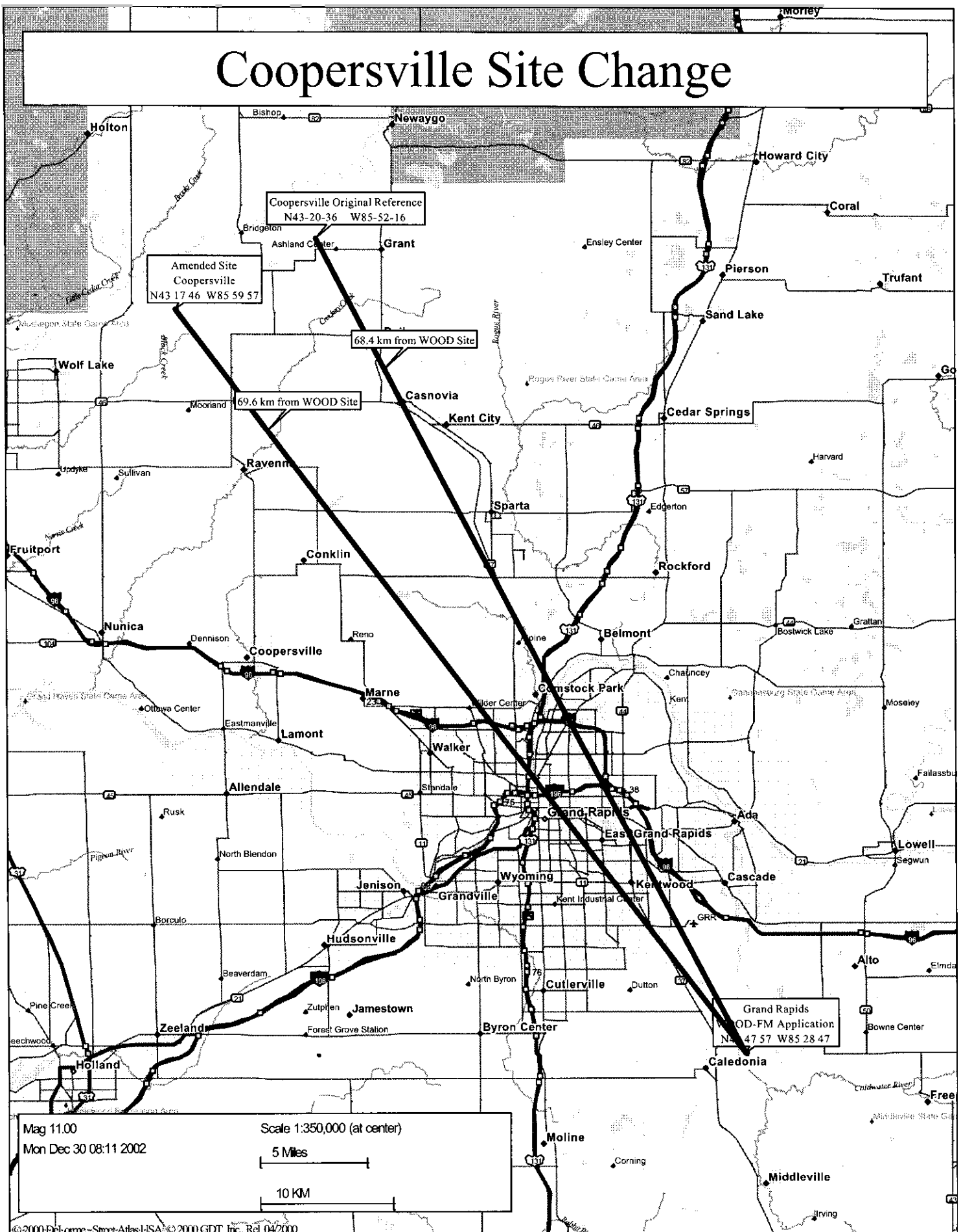
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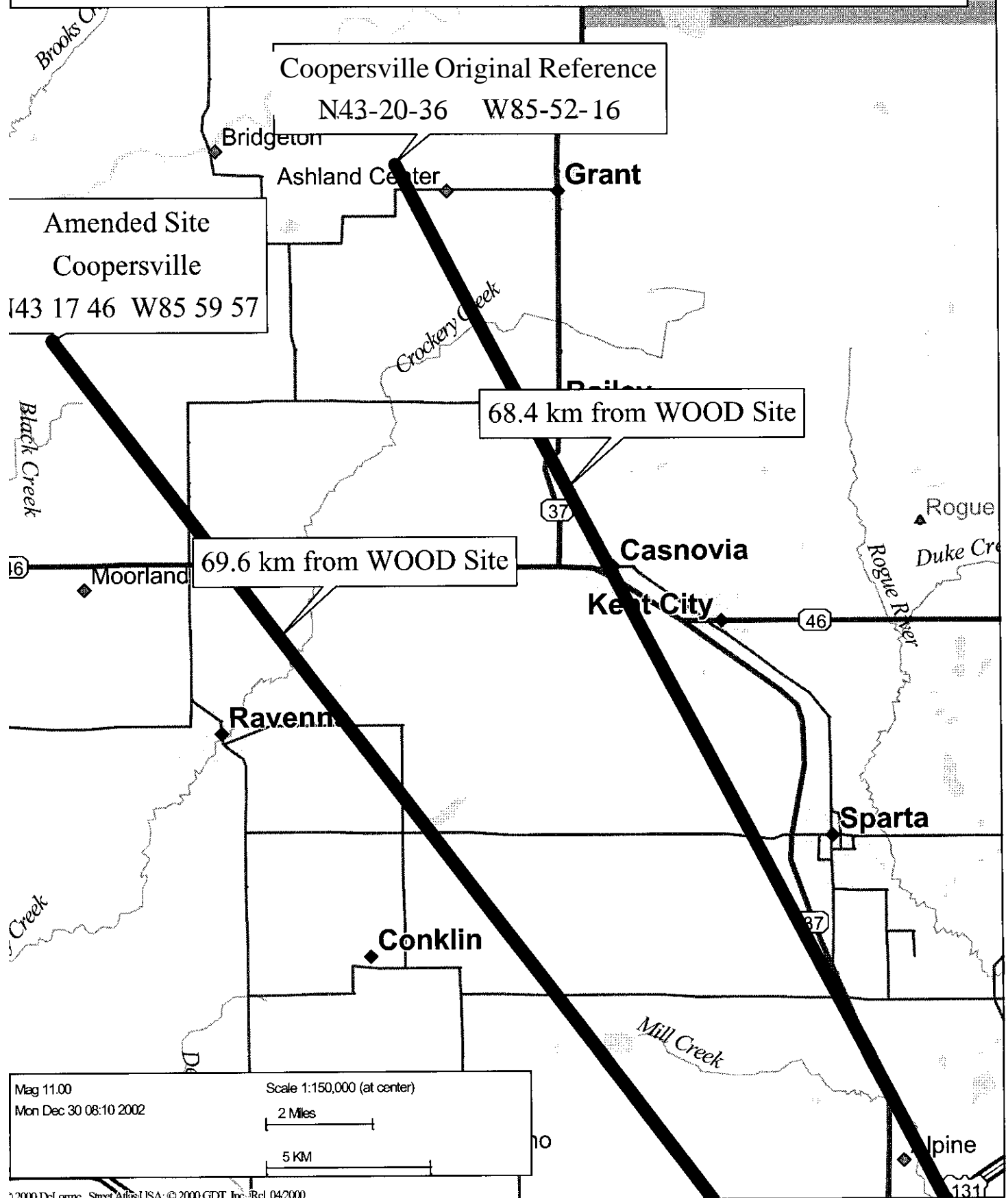
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# Coopersville Site Change





# Coopersville Site Change



STATE OF ARIZONA                )  
                                      )  
COUNTY OF MARICOPA            )        SS:

F. W. Hannel, after being duly sworn upon oath,  
deposes and states:

He is a registered Professional Engineer, by  
examination, in the State of Illinois;

He is a graduate Electrical Engineer, holding  
Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees, both in  
Electrical Engineering;

His qualifications are a matter of public record and  
have been accepted in prior filings and appearances requiring  
scrutiny of his professional qualifications;

The attached Engineering Report was prepared by him  
personally or under his supervision and direction and;

The facts stated herein are true, correct, and  
complete to the best of his knowledge and belief.



December 30, 2002

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F. W. Hannel, P.E.

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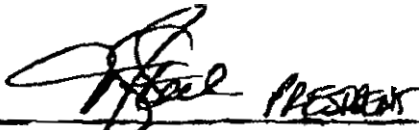
## **EXHIBIT A**

**Station WMRX  
Beaverton, Michigan**

Steel Broadcasting, Inc. ("Steel"), licensee of Station WMRX, Beaverton, Michigan, hereby agrees to have its channel changed from Channel 249A to Channel 246A with no change to its transmitter site, community of license, or authorized power. Steel will apply to implement the channel change should the Commission take such action. Steel understands that this statement may be used in a filing with the Commission and hereby authorizes its use for that purpose.

I verify that this statement is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and is made in good faith.

STEEL BROADCASTING, MC .

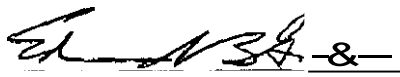
 7/20/01  
Tom Steel

**Station WWCM  
Standish, Michigan**

Central Michigan University, licensee of Station WWCM, Standish, Michigan, hereby agrees to have WWCM's channel ~~changed from Channel 245A to Channel 295A~~ and its ~~allocation~~ reference coordinate ~~modified~~. Central Michigan University will file ~~an application to implement~~ the changes consistent with the FCC's spacing rules should the Commission take such action. Central Michigan University understands that this statement may be used in a filing with the Commission and hereby authorizes its use for that purpose.

I verify that this ~~statement is true~~, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and is made in good faith.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

By:   
Edward B. Grant,  
~~Director~~ of Public Broadcasting

APPLICATION FOR NEW FM STATION  
**GLEN ARBOR, Michigan**

BPH19970724M4  
GEORGE S. FLINN, JR.

George S. Flinn, Jr. ("Flinn"), applicant for a new FM station on Ch.227A, Glen Arbor, Michigan, hereby agrees to have its pending application modified to specify Channel 287A instead of Channel 227A at a new transmitter site in connection with the counterproposal of Fort Bend Broadcasting Company to reallocate Channel 227A to Frankfort and Channel 287A to Glen Arbor. Flinn requests that the Commission permit the modification of Flinn's pending cut off application to specify Channel 287A. Flinn will file an amendment to its pending application should the Commission grant the proposal to substitute Channel 287A for Channel 227A at Glen Arbor in MB Docket 02-335. Flinn understands that this statement may be used in a filing with the Commission and hereby authorizes its use for that purpose.

I verify that this statement is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and is made in good faith.

By: George S. Flinn, Jr. / by JTN  
George S. Flinn, Jr.  
Applicant

## **EXHIBIT 1**

## U.S. Census Bureau

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QT-PL, Race, Hispanic or Latino, and Age: 2000

Data Set: [Census 2000 Redistricting Data \(Public Law 94-171\) Summary File](#)Geographic Area: **Garfield township, Grand Traverse County, Michigan**

**NOTE:** For information on confidentiality protection, nonsampling error, and definitions, see <http://factfinder.census.gov/home/en/datanotes/expplu.html>.

Subject	All ages		18 years and over	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
<b>RACE</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>13,840</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,789</b>	<b>100.0</b>
One race	13,679	98.8	10,714	99.3
White	13,334	96.3	10,464	97.0
Black or African American	46	0.3	39	0.4
American Indian and Alaska Native	140	1.0	105	1.0
Asian	99	0.7	67	0.6
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	4	0.0	4	0.0
Some other race	56	0.4	35	0.3
Two or more races	161	1.2	75	0.7
<b>HISPANIC OR LATINO AND RACE</b>				
<b>Total population</b>	<b>13,840</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,789</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Hispanic or Latino (of any race)	207	1.5	134	1.2
Not Hispanic or Latino	13,633	98.5	10,655	98.8
One race	13,489	97.5	10,586	98.1
White	13,193	95.3	10,370	96.1
Black or African American	44	0.3	37	0.3
American Indian and Alaska Native	137	1.0	103	1.0
Asian	99	0.7	67	0.6
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	3	0.0	3	0.0
Some other race	13	0.1	6	0.1
Two or more races	144	1.0	69	0.6

(X) Not applicable

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Census 2000 Redistricting Data (Public Law 94-171) Summary File.  
Matrices PL1, PL2, PL3, and PL4.





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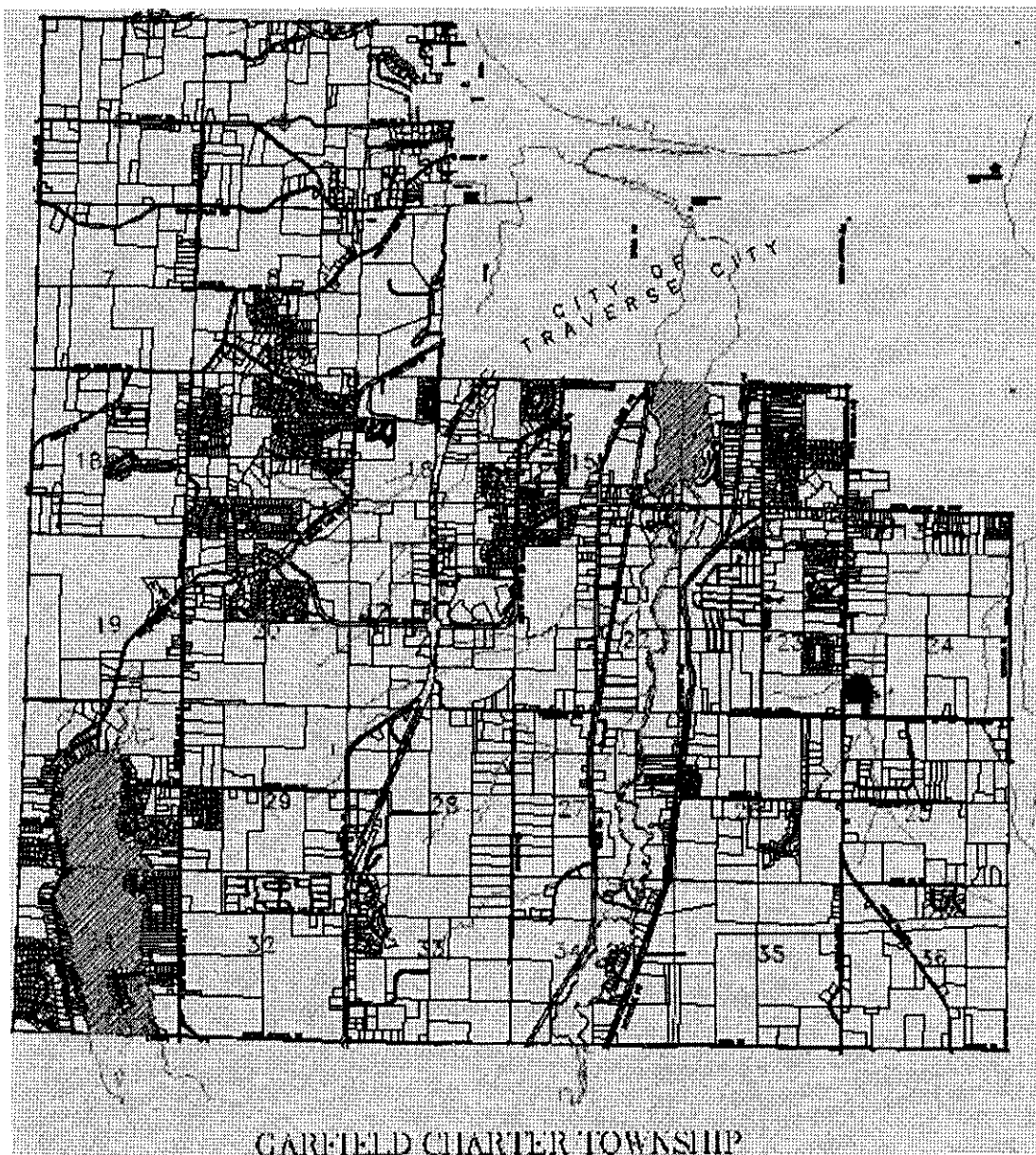


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**WELCOME TO THE  
TREASURERS DEPARTMENT**

**YOUR TREASURERS DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES ARE**

<b>TREASURER</b>	<b>JUDY MCMANUS</b>
<b>DEPUTY TREASURER</b>	<b>DENNIS HABEDANK</b>
<b>TREASURER ASSISTANT</b>	<b>BOBBIE JAMES</b>
<b>RECEPTIONIST</b>	<b>SUSAN YOUNKER</b>

**WE ARE HERE TO SERVE YOU**

**OUR OFFICE HOURS ARE 8 TO 12 AND 1 TO 5**

**WE ARE GONE TO LUNCH FROM 12 TO 1**

**BELOW YOU WILL FIND SEVERAL CHOICES. YOU MAY  
CHOOSE TO GO INTO THE TAX INFORMATION OR THE**

**SPECIAL ASSESSMENT INFORMATION. THIS  
INFORMATION IS UPDATED AT THE END OF EACH WEEK.  
YOU MAY ALSO CHOOSE TO GO INTO JUDY'S NOTES.**

**JUDY'S NOTES**

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## **WELCOME TO THE** **ASSESSING DEPARTMENT**

YOUR ASSESSING DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES ARE

ASSESSOR	LEE WILSON
DEPUTY ASSESSOR	AARON MEAD
STAFF APPRAISER	MIKE WHITE
STAFF APPRAISER	JAMES CHRESTENSEN
DEPARTMENT CLERK	SUE MUHA

**ASSESSMENTS**

**PROPERTY SALES**



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**CLERK'S CORNER**

**NOTICE**

**ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS WILL BE  
AUTOMATICALLY MAILED TO EVERYONE 60 YEARS  
OLD AND OLDER. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN  
APPLICATION PLEASE CONTACT THE GARFIELD  
TOWNSHIP CLERKS OFFICE AT 941-1620.**

REPRESENTATIVE'S OF THE CLERK'S OFFICE ARE

CLERK KAY SCHUMACHER

DEPT. CLERK DON WILCOXEN ACCOUNTANT

ASSISTANT FLORENCE BURTON

ADMIN. SEC. MARGE JOHNSON

**ELECTION DATES**

**AUGUST 6**

## **NOVEMBER 5**

### **REMEMBER TO GET OUT AN VOTE'**

### **A V BALLOTS CAN BE OBTAINED FOR ONE OF THE FOLLOWING REASONS**

- 1. YOU ARE 60 YEARS OLD**
- 2. YOU ARE GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM THE COMMUNITY**
- 3. YOU ARE PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO ATTEND THE POLLS**
- 4. YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE POLLS BECAUSE OF TENETS OF YOUR RELIGION**
- 5. YOU ARE AN ELECTION PRECINCT WORKER**
- 6. YOU ARE CONFINED IN JAIL AWAITING ARRAIGNMENT OR TRIAL**

**THESE ARE THE ONLY REASONS FOR OBTAINING AN AV BALLOT**

### **WHEN VOTING THE BALLOT MAKE SURE TO FILL IN THE CIRCLE COMPLETELY**

#### **GARFIELD TOWNSHIP HAS FIVE VOTING PRECINCT**

**PRECINCT 1 IS LOCATED AT SILVER LAKE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 5858 CULVER RD**

**PRECINCT 2 IS LOCATED AT GARFIELD TOWNSHIP HALL 3848 VETERANS DR**

**PRECINCT 3 IS LOCATED AT GARFIELD TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL 3000**

**ALBANY ST**

**PRECINCT 4 IS LOCATED AT GARFIELD TOWNSHIP COUNTY BUILDING  
2650 LA FRANIER ROAD**

**PRECINCT 5 IS LOCATED AT GARFIELD TOWNSHIP HALL 3848  
VETERANS DR**

**IF IT IS A REGULAR GOVERNMENTAL ELECTION YOU VOTE AT YOUR  
PRECINCT. IF IT IS A SCHOOL ELECTION YOU VOTE AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL.**

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# **WELCOME TO THE**

## **BUILDING DEPARTMENT**

**YOUR BUILDING INSPECTORS ARE**  
**BUILDING OFFICIAL GORDON JOHNSTON**

**BUILDING INSPECTOR CARL STUDZINSKI**

**BUILDING INSPECTOR TODD CHARGO**

**OUR OFFICE HOURS ARE**

**8 AM TO 12NOON AND 1PM TO 5PM**

**YOU CAN CALL US AT 231-941-1620 OR EMAIL US**  
**AT GENERAL@GARFIELD-TWP.COM**

**WE ARE USUALLY IN THE OFFICE FROM 8 TO 9**

**WE ARE GONE FOR LUNCH FROM 12 TO**

**1**

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## Planning Department

Garfield Township's planning department serves as the coordinator of many land use and community oriented issues in the Township. Below are some of the activities the Townships Planning department coordinates and performs:

- 1) Planning Commission Application Reviews
- 2) Comprehensive Land Use Planning
- 3) Transportation and Non-Motorized Trials
- 4) Environmental studies
- 5) Aerial Photography
- 6) Mapping production

If you have a matter that you would like to have placed on a Planning Commission Agenda please see our Zoning Administrator, Denny Habedank for a Planning Commission Application.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact us at the phone number above.

**Planning Director**

**Deputy Planner**

*Gerry Harsch*

*Michelle Haugen*



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**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY**

**SHERIFF'S OFFICE**

**GARFIELD TOWNSHIP UNIT**

LOCATED AT GARFIELD TOWNSHIP HALL 3848 VETERANS DR

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER 911**

GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MAIN NUMBER IS

**231-922-4500**

**GARFIELD TOWNSHIP'S UNIT COMMAND OFFICER**

**231-941-9222 OR**

**231-941-1670 EXT 141**

**GARFIELD TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY POLICE OFFICERS**

**GARFIELD TOWNSHIP UNIT PATROL OFFICER'S**

**231-922-4500**

**WE ARE HERE TO  
SERVE AND PROTECT**

***YOU***

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**METRO FIRE**  
**DEPARTMENT**

**GARFIELD TOWNSHIP**

**STATION 11**

**EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBER**  
**911**

**METRO FIRE OFFICES: 231-922-4840**

**FIRE PROTECTION AND FIRE INSPECTIONS ARE PROVIDED BY GARFIELD TOWNSHIP THROUGH A CONTRACT WITH METRO FIRE SYSTEM. THREE TOWNSHIPS MAKE UP THE FIRE SYSTEM: ACME TOWNSHIP EAST BAY TOWNSHIP AND GARFIELD TOWNSHIP.**

**METRO FIRE CHIEF**

***WAYNE HANNA***

**FIRE MARSHALL**

***BRAD SCHNAIDT***

**STATION 11 FIRE CHIEF**

***JOHN HAGAN***

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I, Kay D. Dallosta, a secretary in the law firm of Shook, Hardy and Bacon, do hereby certify that I have on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2002, caused to be mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, copies of the foregoing "Counterproposal" to the following:

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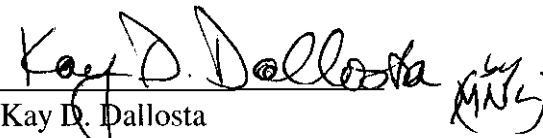
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